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SUBJ: JULY 15 DRAFT OF URBAN LEAGUE SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING ARE SECRETARY'S MARGINAL COMMENTS ON URBAN
LAGUE DRAFT:

A. GENERAL: "THIS SPEECH LACKS ELEVATION AND FOCUS. WE DID
BETTER IN LIBERIA."

B. P. 2A, RE ENTIRE BOTTOM PARA: "MOVE UP AND EXPAND".

C. P. 3, GENERAL COMMENT ON "US AND THE WORLD" SECTION: "THIS
SECTION SHOULD BE CONDENSED."

D. P. 27, GENERAL COMMENT RE "US AND AFRICA" SECTION:
"MUST HAVE SOMETHING ABOUT 23 MILLION AMERICANS OF AFRICAN
EXTRACTION."

E. P. 18, RE BOTTOM PARA: "TOO PEDANTIC."

F. P. 20, RE STATEMENT THAT OUR "POLICY HAS BEEN ONE OF DELICATE
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RESTRAINT" "NO ONE IS EVER IMPRESSED BY THAT."

G. P. 21, LINE 6: "EFFORT" VICE "COMMITMENT".

H. P. 21, LINE 13: "AND LEAD TO RADICALIZATION."

I. P. 23, LINES 1-2: "PUT IN SOME HUMAN QUALITY."

J. P. 24. SECOND PARA: "THIS IS TOO MUCH A REVIEW. JUST STATE
WHAT OUR POLICY IS."

K. P. 25, PARA. ONE: "TOO MANY I'S".

L. P. 26, ENTIRE PAGE: ALL OF THIS SHOULD HAVE A BIT MORE
PHILOSOPHY AND STATE OUR POLICY IN TERMS OTHER THAN EXPLICITLY
SUMMARIZING LUKAKA."

M. P. 28, OPENING SENTENCES. "STATE A LITTLE MORE CLEARLY WHAT
OUR POLICY IS."

N. P. 28, PARA. 1: "HAVE NOT EXPLAINED WHY WE ARE DOING IT, AND
WHAT WE ARE DOING.
OUR SENATE STUFF IS BETTER."

O. P. 28, PARA. ONE, LAST SENTENCE. "THIS IS A THROWAWAY."

P. P. 29, TOP OF PAGE: "THIS IS NOT EXPLAINED PROPERLY. NEED
THESE ELEMENTS: (1) COEXISTENCE OF RACES ON BASIS OF JUSTICE AND
SELF-RESPECT; (2) PREMIUM ON MODERATION; (3) ABSENCE OF OUTSIDE
INTERVENTION."

Q. P. 29, FIRST FULL PARA.: "THIS SHOULD EMPHASIZE POSITIVE GOALS OF
AFRICANS."

R. P. 30, END LINE 1: ADD "PARTLY".

S. P. 40, FIRST FEW LINES: "WE ARE LEANING OVER BACKWARDS TO
SHOW OUR CONCERNS."

2. IN DISCUSSING DRAFT, SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT BASIC STRUCTURE --
RELATING AFRICA POLICY TO THE GLOBAL STRUCTURE OF US FOREIGN
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POLICY -- WAS RIGHT, BUT THAT SECTION ON "THE US AND THE WORLD"
(PP. 3-17) WAS ABOUT TEN PAGES TOO LONG FOR THE PURPOSE. LAST
PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 2A, IN HIS VIEW, SHOULD SET THE TONE FOR THE
ENTIRE SPEECH. THE INTRODUCTORY SECTION SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICITLY
RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING
CENTRAL THEMES ON
AFRICA, AND IT SHOULD GO ON TO SAY THAT ONE CAN NOT
UNDERSTAND OUR AFRICAN POLICY WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING

WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO TO IN THE REST OF WORLD. DRAFT SHOULD THEN STRESS PEACE, SECURITY AND PROGRESS THEMES POINTING TO THE UNPRECEDENTED NATURE OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS TODAY, AND THE EQUIVALLY UNPRECEDENTED IMPERATIVE OF INTERDEPENDENCE. IN FOLLOWING DETAILED SECTION ON AFRICA, DRAFT SHOULD, IN GENERAL, CONCENTRATE LESS ON THE STRATEGIC AND TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE GEOPOLITICAL ARGUMENTS BEHIND OUR AFRICA POLICY. IT SHOULD BE MORE "EMOTIONAL", AND SPECIFICALLY, SHOULD REFLECT THE EARLY PART OF THE LUSAKA SPEECH, THE "WHY" OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IN AFRICA, THE MORAL GROUND OF OUR POLICY.

3. YOU MIGHT WANT TO TAKE A STAB AT HAVING A NEW DRAFT AVAILABLE AT THE AIRCRAFT SUNDAY EVENING FOR SECRETARY'S REVIEW PRIOR TO SPEECHWRITERS' MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT MONDAY AT 11:00 A.M. IN ANY CASE, HE HAS ASKED FOR A NEW DRAFT ON MONDAY.
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